

# Clover Clips



February 2005



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## 4-H Has Heart!

### FROM

**Ms. Vickie & Ms. Angela**

**Dear 4-H Members, Leaders, Parents, Supporters, and Friends of 4-H:**

It's 2005! 2004 has come and gone and it is time to begin a new year. Many of us are still dealing with the effects of Ivan and may be for months and years to come.

Hurricane Ivan brought many changes to each of us. Some of us have new addresses, while others are living in FEMA trailers or other temporary housing. **If your address has changed, please remember to let the 4-H Office know your new address.**

However, for each of us life goes on. We are coping with everyday life and trying to make the best of it.

The experts tell us that the best way to cope with a traumatic situation is to get back to normal as soon as possible. I hope that working on your 4-H projects and participating in 4-H activities provides you with some "normalcy."

There are many 4-H activities and events coming up. Don't stress out over any of them. Keep things in the proper priority: God, family, work/school. Do those things that are important to you, enhance your quality of life and bring you joy.

**May you have a very Happy New Year in 2005 !**

Vickie B. Mullins

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## 4-H NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST UPDATE

**Don't let this be your last 4-H Newsletter.** We want you to continue being a part of our Santa Rosa County 4-H Program.

We are updating and purging the mailing list, we need your help to ensure that you continue receiving the 4-H Newsletter. Please read the "4-H Newsletter Mailing List Information Sheet" and **respond as requested.**

## ARE YOU A CURRENTLY ENROLLED 4-H'ER OR VOLUNTEER LEADER?

Please review the attached list of currently enrolled 4-H members and leaders. **If your name is not on the list, and you have returned your Enrollment Form please call the 4-H Office immediately at 623-3868.**

If you haven't completed your 4-H member or volunteer form please do so ASAP. Call the 4-H Office if you need a form.



## OMK A NEW 4-H PROJECT

A new 4-H project is being developed - "Operation Military Kid" OMK. Every 4-H member and club is encouraged to consider this project as a community service activity. There are many ways that we can "support our military in our own backyards."

For more information read the OMK Newsletter page included in this Newsletter.

# 4-H FOR TEENS

## TEEN COURT

Teen Court needs Teen Volunteers. If you are interested in developing your public speaking skills, learning about the law or judicial system, or making a difference in the community there is a place for you.

Teen Court is held on Mondays from 4:00-6:30 pm at the Milton Courthouse. For more information call the 4-H Office at 623-3868.

## 4-H CITIZENSHIP CLUB

Middle and High School youth interested in Civic Education are invited to join the 4-H Citizenship Club. The club meets on the 4th Monday of each month from 4:00-5:00 pm at the Milton Courthouse as a part of the Teen Court program.

Youth who join this 4-H Club participate in the 4-H Citizenship Project and serve as Teen Court Volunteers.

For more information call Ms. Vickie at the 4-H Office (623-3868).

## TEEN COUNCIL

All teen 4-H'ers are invited to participate in the Santa Rosa County Teen Council. The council provides opportunities for teens to develop leadership skills, help plan and conduct countywide 4-H events and activities, meet and make new friends and have fun. The Teen Council meets every other Friday at the 4-H Office.

**Teen Council will meet:  
Friday, February 18  
4:00-5:30 pm at the 4-H Office**

## 4-H CONGRESS JULY 25-29

Remember that only those Senior 4-H members who participate in County and District Events or who submit a 4-H Portfolio can attend State 4-H Congress. **So you need to plan to participate in County Events.** If you don't know what County Events is or what you can do for County Events attend the **4-H IS Fun Day Monday, February 21.**

## TEEN RETREAT

**Friday & Saturday  
February 25-27  
Panama City Beach**

**Who:** Senior 4-H Members  
**What:** 4-H Districts I & II  
Annual Teen Retreat

### Focus:

**Today's Youth Facing Today's Issues**

**Cost:** \$20 (includes lodging Friday night and meals on Saturday)

We will meet at the 4-H Office at 3:30 pm on Friday, February 25 and return about 7:00 pm on Saturday, February 26.

**If you are interested in participating call Ms. Vickie ASAP. Deadline to pre-register is Wednesday, February 16.**

## SOMK

### “Speak Out Military Kids”

OMK is a new 4-H program that partners 4-H with our military community. SOMK is a special focus of the OMK program. SOMK uses both 4-H members and military kids to create community awareness of the special needs of military kids and families when a parent is deployed. If you are interested in participating in the OMK and/or SOMK program(s), please attend the SOMK Orientation on **Monday, February 21 from 4:00-5:00 pm at the 4-H Office.**

## TEEN LEADERSHIP CLASS

**Leadership Class Orientation  
Monday, February 21  
4:00 - 5:00 pm  
4-H Office**

A 4-H Teen Leadership Class is being planned and will be conducted this spring and summer. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about and develop their skills including: Planning and Running Effective Meetings, Parliamentary Procedure, Public Speaking, Teamwork, Political and Governmental Systems of the County and State.

Youth will learn how they can make a difference and influence decisions that affect them now and in the future. If you are interested in participating you must attend the orientation meeting or call Ms. Vickie by Monday, February 21.

## 4-H LEGISLATURE

**June 27-July 1  
Tallahassee**

4-H Legislature is one of the best 4-H programs offered for Senior 4-H members. It is a week long “learn by doing” civic education event held in Tallahassee.

Each year over 250 4-H'ers from across the state participate in this program playing the part of a senator, representative, lobbyist or reporter. Cost will be approximately \$200.

Senior 4-H members who are interested in participating **MUST attend the Legislature Orientation**

**Monday, February 21,  
4:00-5:00 pm at the 4-H Office.**

If you cannot attend the meeting **YOU MUST CALL MS VICKIE** by February 21.

## 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS

Senior 4-H members interested in serving as 4-H Camp Counselors **must call Ms. Vickie by February 21.** A camp counselor training program will be held this spring and all camp counselors must attend.

## CONGRESSIONAL AWARD PROGRAM

**Update & Orientation Meeting  
Monday, February 21  
4:00 - 5:00 pm - 4-H Office**

4-H'ers who are registered in the Congressional Award Program or who would like to be in the program should attend the Update and Orientation Meeting. Those who have been in the Congressional Award Program for at least two years and who wish to submit their record to receive the Gold Medal must contact Ms. Vickie by February 21. Deadline to submit to National for the Gold Medal is March 15.

## 4-H PORTFOLIO

**Monday, February 21  
4:00 - 5:00 pm - 4-H Office**

A portfolio information session will be held. Senior 4-H'ers should complete a 4-H Portfolio. Call Ms Vickie for an individual conference. Portfolios will be due Monday, May 16.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 4-H IS FUN DAY

**Monday, February 21**  
**8:00 am - 4:00 pm**  
**4-H Office**

**What:** A Day of Learning about 4-H

**Who:** Junior & Senior 4-H'ers  
(8-18 years of age)  
Cloverbuds may attend if  
with a parent or leader  
Leaders & parents welcomed

**Cost:** \$5.00  
(includes snacks & lunch)

**RSVP:** By Wednesday, February  
16th (call the 4-H Office  
623-3868)

All 4-H members are invited  
to participate in "4-H IS Fun Day."

What is 4-H?

What do you do in 4-H?

What is County Events?

What are 4-H Record Books?

What can 4-H'ers enter in the Fair?



**4-H IS**  
**Fun Day for Adults**  
**Leader Training/Meeting**  
**Monday Evening, February 21**  
**6:00 - 8:00 pm**  
**4-H Office**

An abbreviated version of the pro-  
gram and materials presented in the  
"4-H IS Fun Day" will be held for  
adults. All parents and leaders are in-  
vited to attend to learn more about the  
4-H Program.

## 4-H AWARDS PROGRAM

**Friday, March 11**  
**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**4-H Office**

All 4-H members, leaders and par-  
ents are invited to the Annual 4-H  
Awards banquet.

Please RSVP by Wednesday,  
March 9, 2005. Call 623-3868.

## 4-H AWARDS RECOGNITION FORM

Very few 4-H Awards Recognition  
Forms were returned by our October dead-  
line. If you would like to be recognized  
for your accomplishments in 2004, you  
need to return your form. You can find  
the form in the last newsletter or call the  
4-H Office for another copy.

Please return the Recognition Form by:  
**Monday, February 21.**

**4-H DAY AT THE  
CAPITOL**  
**Wednesday, April 6, 2005**

All Florida 4-H'ers, Leaders and Par-  
ents are invited to participate in 4-H Day  
at the Capitol. This will be an excellent  
opportunity for 4-H'ers to observe the  
Legislature at work, tour the historical  
sites and "learn by doing" in a variety of  
educational Civic Education activities.

At this time we are not planning to  
charter a bus or take a large group. We  
are encouraging 4-H families and clubs to  
consider making this a 4-H field trip/tour.

If you are interested in participat-  
ing please let me know by Friday,  
March 11. I need to register all Santa  
Rosa County 4-H'ers with the State 4-H  
Office as there will be some special  
activities for 4-H'ers.

If there is enough interest in going as  
a group we may put a county tour to-  
gether. If you plan to go on your own I  
can provide you with contacts, resources  
and recommendations to make the day  
more fun and informative.

## 4-H COUNTY EVENTS

**Thursday, March 24, 2005**  
**5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
**4-H Office**

Every 4-H Member—Cloverbuds,  
Juniors and Seniors should participate in  
4-H County Events.

Please begin preparing now. This is  
your opportunity to show and tell what you  
are learning about in your 4-H project. If  
you don't know what "County Events" is,  
plan on attending the "4-H IS Fun Day."

Pizza dinner will be provided at a  
cost \$1.00 per person.

5:30 - 6:00 pm	Registration
	Set up photo, poster art & exhibits
6:00 pm	Opening assembly
6:15 pm	County Council Meeting
6:30-7:30 pm	Demonstrations
	Public Speaking
7:30 pm	Pizza Dinner
8:00 pm	Share the Fun &
	Fashion Revue
8:30 pm	Awards Presentation

**Pre-Register to Participate in  
County Events**

4-H'ers MUST pre-register to par-  
ticipate in County Events. It takes a lot of  
work to plan County Events and many peo-  
ple must be recruited to help. To make sure  
that we have enough judges and materials  
prepared **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER.**  
**Deadline to pre-register is Friday, March**  
**11. Call Ms. Angela at 623-3868 to pre-**  
**register.**



## MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

### STATE 4-H POSTER CONTEST

The annual state 4-H photo and poster contests provide opportunities for hundreds of youth across Florida to express their creativity and talent. The poster contest theme for 2005 is: **"Faces of Florida."**

All Santa Rosa 4-H'ers must enter their poster at the County Events March 24.

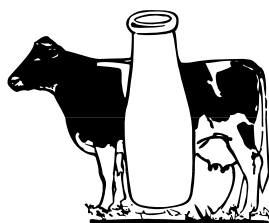
If you would like more information on the 2005 State 4-H Poster Contest, you may view the rules and guidelines at the State 4-H website - <http://4h.ifas.ufl.edu> or you may call the 4-H Office (623-3868).

### STATE 4-H DAIRY DAYS POSTER CONTEST

This contest encourages youth to learn more about milk, milk products, their importance to human health, the communication of these ideas to the public, and the meaning of the Real Seal program. Every 4-H'er is permitted to design a poster telling a story about milk and/or milk products.

The theme for 2005 is **"3 A Day Fun in the Florida Sun."** All Santa Rosa County 4-H'ers must bring or send their poster to County Events March 24.

If you would like more information on the 2005 4-H Dairy Day Poster Contest, you may view the rules and guidelines at the State 4-H website - <http://4h.ifas.ufl.edu> or you may contact the 4-H office (623-3868).



### LIVESTOCK SHOW GCA & NRA

**Spring Livestock Show  
April 16, 2005**

Santa Rosa 4-H members are invited to participate in the GCA & NRA Spring Livestock Show.

There will be a Showmanship and Grooming clinic at the Langley Bell 4-H Center on March 5, 2005 from 9:00 am until 11:00 am.

The GCA & NRA Spring Livestock Show will be held April 16, 2005. The ownership and registration deadline for breeding classes will be March 1, 2005.

For more information or to register call Roger Elliott, Escambia County 4-H Livestock Agent, at 475-5230.

### Attention: 4-H Members with Poultry or Rabbits

Plans are being made to include poultry and rabbits in the GCA & NRA Spring Livestock Show. If you are interested in participating, please contact one of the following:

Poultry - Anthony Picheo at 587-5297  
or Roger Elliott at 475-5230

Rabbits - Jason Picheo at 698-7302  
or Roger Elliott at 475-5230

Entries are due by March 1, 2005.



### WILDLIFE EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

- Early Purple Martin scouts will start to appear in Florida this month. Now is the time to raise houses or gourds.
- Male Bluebirds begin checking nest boxes to present to females in a few weeks. Nest boxes for Bluebirds should be placed by the middle of the month for maximum use through the nesting season. Nest boxes should be placed no closer than 100 yards apart to minimize territorial squabbles.
- Screech Owls begin nesting in the central region of the state.
- American Swallow-tailed Kites return to Florida from South American wintering areas.
- Woodcocks begin courtship behavior in North Florida. Listen at dusk for their "peenting" in open fields.
- Ospreys will begin nesting in north Florida.
- Pileated Woodpeckers begin their mating season and will start announcing territories by drumming on various objects including houses and telephone poles.
- Others who are beginning their nesting season include: Little Blue and Tricolored Herons, Wood and Mottled Ducks, and Snail Kites.
- Purple Finches and Pine Siskins will leave our feeders and begin their migration back to northern nesting areas.
- Alligator Snapping Turtles will start mating this month, with nesting activity throughout the spring.
- Pocket Gophers begin their spring breeding season.
- Striped Skunks begin their breeding season.

# FAIR INFORMATION



## SANTA ROSA COUNTY FAIR

April 5-10, 2005

All 4-H Club Booths  
and 4-H Exhibits  
**MUST BE SET UP by 7:00 pm**  
Monday, April 4

## 4-H CLUB FAIR BOOTHS

Santa Rosa County 4-H Clubs that would like to put in a 4-H Club Booth must pre-register. **Please call Ms. Vickie or Ms. Angela at 623-3868 by March 1st.** Booths will be set up inside a building so space must be reserved. **Space is limited and is granted on a first come basis.**

## INDIVIDUAL 4-H'ER EXHIBITS

A Santa Rosa County Fair 4-H Member Exhibit Form is included in this Newsletter. You may enter items that you entered in the 2004 Pensacola Fair or the North Florida Fair. **Youth must be currently enrolled in 4-H and have a 4-H Enrollment Form on file in the Santa Rosa County 4-H Office to enter. Bring the form with you when you bring your exhibits.**

## 4-H'ers HELPING THE HUNGRY FOOD COLLECTION WEDNESDAY APRIL 6

4-H members and 4-H Clubs are needed to assist with this annual community service project. Everyone who brings a canned food item to the Fair will receive a discount on Fair Admission Price.

4-H Members who assist with this project will get into the fair free. However, **you must call Ms Angela at 623-3868 to get on the list if you would like to help.**



## SANTA ROSA COUNTY FAIR OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The Fair offers events and activities for all ages. There are several special events planned and opportunities for individuals of all ages to participate. For more information about Fair opportunities check out the Fair Website.

## FAIR WEBSITE

For more information about the Santa Rosa County Fair — schedule, exhibit rules, special events, or other activities check out the Fair website at:

[www.santarosacountyfair.org](http://www.santarosacountyfair.org)



## CONGRATULATIONS FAIR PARTICIPANTS

**Congratulations** to all the Santa Rosa County 4-H Clubs and members who entered exhibits or participated in the Pensacola Interstate or Tallahassee North Florida Fair. See page 6 for results:





# CONGRATULATIONS

## PENSACOLA INTERSTATE & NORTH FLORIDA FAIR RESULTS

### PENSACOLA FAIR RESULTS

#### Senior Booth

1st Place     Panhandle Archery Seniors

#### Junior Booth

2nd Place     Royal Pride Juniors  
4th Place     Southern Charms  
6th Place     Panhandle Archery Juniors

#### Individuals That Placed

##### Seniors

Leslie Bowman, Randi Nall, Chon'lissa Odom, Adamia Thomas and Keontra Henderson.

##### Juniors

Maggie Lavimoniere, Jeramiah Schultz, Sabé Denson, Chris Rudolph, Shanna Dales, Kaitlyn Pace, Christy Connell, Caleb Connell, Shannon Reble and Katie Reble.

#### Junior Sweepstakes Winners

1st Place     Maggie Lavimoniere

#### Consumer Judging

#### Seniors 2nd Place Team

##### Teen Council

Asa Furman     Kaitlyn Hudson  
Lucas Furman     Lauren Pace

#### Junior 2nd Place Team

Panhandle Archery Jrs.

#### Junior 3rd Place Team

Royal Pride Juniors

Kevin Bell                      Micaela Sessions  
Jeramiah Shultz              R.W. Stephens

#### Others

Randi Nall, Tyler Bell, Seth Holland, Kaitlyn Pace, Kristy Connell, Caleb Connell and Shanna Dales.

#### Cloverbuds

Shyla Peters, EnDerious Harrison, Brandon Shultz, Kim Gunn and Courtney Williams.

### SPECIAL AWARDS AT FAIRS

#### Pensacola

Sr. Booth -  
1st Place - Panhandle Archery Jrs.  
Jr. Booth -  
2nd Place- Royal Pride Jrs.  
4th Place - Southern Charms  
6th Place - Panhandle Archery Jrs.



### NORTH FLORIDA FAIR

#### Consumer Judging Teams

Royal Pride Juniors

#### Awards of Merit Winners

Senior Art:              Randi Nall  
Junior Poster:         Jeramiah Shultz

#### Other Participants

Shanna Dales	Dalton Gunn
Kevin Bell	Colton Williams
R.W. Stephens	Hunter Williams
Micaela Sessions	Brandon Shultz
Maggie Lavimoniere	Courtney Williams
Kristy Connell	Kim Gunn
Cable Connell	Tyler Bell
Isabelle Crane	

### ANIMALS AT THE FAIR

4-H members who have livestock or other animals; rabbits, chickens, pigs, goats, etc. may exhibit them in the 4-H Livestock Tent. Call Ms. Jan Shultz-McCurdy before March 15 (623-3868) for rules and guidelines.



# 4-H FOR VOLUNTEERS & ADULTS

## NEW TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS

Adult volunteer leaders are the foundation of the Florida 4-H Club Program. To meet the needs of the Volunteer Leaders, Florida 4-H is developing and implementing a variety of training materials, workshops, seminars and forums.

The Volunteer Training Programs are designed to help volunteers develop their skills in working with youth, organizing and managing 4-H Clubs. Also, a variety of training programs and materials focusing on specific 4-H project areas are being developed and planned.

Adults interested in becoming a 4-H Leader should call the 4-H Office.

## SANTA ROSA COUNTY 4-H LEADER REQUIREMENTS

New guidelines and requirements have been established for adults who wish to serve as 4-H Club Leaders, Assistant Leaders and Project Leaders. Adults interested must complete an interview, application and background screening. Those selected to continue the process will participate in approximately 10 hours of Leader Training.

The Leader Training consists of a four hour Basic 4-H Leader Training Program provided in a group or individual setting. Additional training will be provided to meet the specific interests and needs of the Volunteer Leader.

Upon completion of the basic training, the Volunteer Leader will receive an appointment to serve as a Florida 4-H Volunteer Leader. Leaders will be evaluated each year and must complete an application for re-appointment each year.

The Leader Training and evaluation process will help ensure safe 4-H environments for our children. Volunteer Leaders will be prepared to provide quality 4-H clubs and activities that promote positive youth development.

## 4-H LEADERS COMPLETE BASIC TRAINING

Congratulations to the following experienced 4-H Volunteer Leaders who have completed the Basic 4-H Leader Training program:

Joy Campbell, Barbara Furman, Jamie Hudson, Jan Shultz McCurdy, Kathy Pace, Pam Green and Patricia Salter, JoLynn Peoples, Leigh Ann Connell, Pauline Smith, Nikki Harris and Pam Holt.

## 4-H BASIC LEADER TRAINING

Thursday February 17

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Or

6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

4-H Office

All 4-H Leaders who have not completed the Basic Leader Training are invited to attend either the morning or evening session. For those unable to attend the group training, please contact Angela at 623-3868 to schedule a time convenient for you.

## MASTER 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Florida 4-H program is offering an opportunity for 4-H Leaders to participate in "Master Volunteer" training. The training will be held **March 4-6 at 4-H Camp Cherry Lake in Madison.** There are two tracks from which to choose: **Overnight Chaperones and 4-H Event Planning.**

Volunteers who participate and complete the tracks will receive certificates. If you are interested in participating call the 4-H Office at 623-3868.

## 4-H IS FUN Leader/Parent Training Meeting

Monday, February 21, 2005

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

4-H Office

All 4-H Leaders and parents are invited to the 4-H IS FUN Leader/Parent Training Meeting. You will have the opportunity to learn about 4-H activities, County and District Events and Fairs. This will be a very abbreviated version of the "4-H IS Fun Day" program held earlier in the day. 4-H Membership Manuals and project materials will be reviewed.

Participating in this training meeting will provide you with the information to help you help your 4-H child or 4-H Club members.



# MORE 4-H FOR ADULTS

## STATE 4-H LEADER FORUM

**April 22-24  
4-H Camp Ocala**

4-H Leaders interested in participating in the State 4-H Leader Forum should contact Ms. Angela for details and an application. Workshops will focus on ideas and resources to use when guiding youth education and 4-H Clubs.

This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H Leaders to learn more about 4-H, develop their skills, interact with other 4-H Leaders and make some new 4-H friends.

**Deadline to register is March 11.**

## FLORIDA 4-H VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

This past year Florida 4-H Volunteers organized a State 4-H Volunteer Association. The purpose of the association is to strengthen communication networks among Florida 4-H Volunteers, to support volunteer learning and to expand volunteer development at all levels of the 4-H Organization. Promote. The association provides a voice for 4-H Volunteers to express their concerns about the issues facing our youth and the Florida 4-H Program. The association provides opportunities for 4-H Volunteers to influence the political system for the benefit of promoting positive youth development.

Any 4-H Volunteer may join the association. Dues are \$7.00 (\$2.00 Charter Member fee and \$5.00 annual dues fee). We will be sending our list of Volunteers who want to be members of the association on **MARCH 15**. For more information about the Florida 4-H Volunteer Association and/or for an application, please contact Jan Shultz-McCurdy at the 4-H Office.

## Congratulations 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders

Santa Rosa County 4-H Adult and Teen Leaders recently participated in the 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training held at 4-H Camp Timppoochee, January 27-30.

Participants who completed the training and who are now "Certified Shooting Sports Instructors" are:

### Archery

#### Teen Instructors

Chris Glass  
Toni Glass  
Jackson Mullins  
Lauren Pace

#### Adult Instructors

JoAnn Goley  
Brianna Goley  
Vickie Mullins  
Angela Qualls  
Leigh Ann Connell

### Shotgun

Kaitlin Hudson  
Garratt Pace

Jamie Hudson  
Gary Pace  
Sharyn Nasca

The 4-H Shooting Sports Project is a nationally developed program. Youth participants learn life skills as they participate in the disciplines of archery, shotgun, or air rifle. Certified instructors use the "learn by doing" approach as they provide educational activities that teach safety, responsibility, environmental stewardship and teamwork.

## 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Meeting And Dinner

An evening dinner meeting of **all** Santa Rosa County Teen and Adult leaders who are **Shooting Sports Certified Instructors** is being planned. You will be notified soon of the date, time and location.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the implementation of Santa Rosa County 4-H Shooting Sports clubs, projects, activities and events. Please be thinking about how we can promote this program, and provide opportunities for our youth.



## 4-H Leaders Study Marine Issues

A weekend at Dauphin Island Marine Lab provided opportunities for six Santa Rosa County 4-H Leaders to learn about marine issues. The leader training included both lecture and hands-on opportunities including a tour of the Estuary, a morning on the research sea vessel on the bay and a great seafood dinner.

Leaders were also given a variety of educational materials and resources which they will be able to use for their clubs.

Participants included: Angela Qualls, Janet Shultz-McCurdy, Barbara Furman, Nikki Harris, Annemarie Smith and Jimmie Jarratt.



## VOLUNTEER/MENTOR OPPORTUNITY

The U.N.I.T.Y. Program, housed at the James Street Community Center, is in need of one-on-one adult and youth mentors to assist with homework and other activities. The program is Monday-Thursday, 2:30-6:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a Program Volunteer please call Ms. Jan Shultz-McCurdy at 623-3868 or 525-1977.





# MAKING WAVES IN 4-H



## SEAGRASS AWARENESS CELEBRATION

This Seagrass Awareness initiative began in the Florida Keys in 1998 in response to an alarming increase in boater impacts to seagrass habitat in shallow water. Realizing that this was a state-wide issue, the Florida Keys Seagrass Outreach Partnership (SOP) was formed, and the partnership worked with the governor's office to proclaim March 2001 and thereafter as "Seagrass Awareness Month" in Florida. This initiative began as a tool to "spread the word" to help residents, visitors, and resource protection managers and educators better understand the important role seagrass communities play in the health of our marine ecosystem.

Seagrasses are a valuable part of the marine environment and support a thriving million-dollar fishery. Most commercial and recreationally important fish, crabs and shrimp spend some time of their lives in seagrass beds. These beds help to filter toxins from the water, contribute to water clarity by trapping suspended sediments, and provide food and shelter for juvenile fish, shrimp and crabs, provide food for manatees, green sea turtles, and migratory bird which depend on seagrass beds for foraging needs! Threats to these important resources include: degraded water quality, dredge and fill projects and physical impacts from boat propellers.

In our area, the "true" marine seagrass species include: shoal grass (*Halodule wrightii*), turtle grass (*Thalassia testudinum*), widgeon grass (*Ruppia maritima*), manatee grass (*Syringodium filiforme*), and some species of *Halophia*. In the upper parts of the bays, another ecologically important submerged aquatic plant is tape grass, (*Vallisneria americana*).

The term submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) is a general term that includes grasses found submerged in salt, brackish and fresh water environments.

"Seagrass .....it's alive" is the motto for this initiative. Get involved, and help spread the word about seagrasses this month! Be creative and provide educational opportunities for your friends, neighbors, fisher-people, boaters and those concerned about water quality.



## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT SEAGRASS CELEBRATION?

An opportunity for 4-H Clubs to have a **Fundraising Booth** or volunteer to assist with Seagrass Awareness are available. Call Chris Verlinde for more information at 623-3868.



## Earth Day

- April 16  
Earth Day at the Zoo in Gulf Breeze
- April 23  
Earth Day at the Pensacola Bayview Park
- April 23  
Earth Day at Hurlburt Field

Be looking for additional information on Earth Day events or call Chris Verlinde at 623-3868.



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Extension Service programs are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, age, disability or national origin.

The Environmental Education Coordination  
Team  
Announces the 5th Annual  
**Seagrass Awareness Celebration!**



**March 26, 2005**  
**Shoreline Park South, Gulf Breeze**  
**10 am until 3 pm**

Families are encouraged to attend this hands-on learning event that concentrates on local marine resources. Activities will include: seining, dip netting, cast netting, learning casting skills, touch pools, arts and crafts, sea critter hunt, games, and much more.

**Make plans now to attend the Seagrass Awareness  
Celebration!!!!**

## SANTA ROSA COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2005

Please keep and post this calendar where you can easily refer to it for upcoming 4-H Activities. The calendar is updated monthly and sent out in the 4-H Newsletter. Check the calendar each month for additions and/or changes.

**ASAP**

NOW	Any Day	<b>Return completed 4-H Membership Form</b>	<b>4-H Office</b>
		<b>Return completed 4-H Recognition Form</b>	<b>4-H Office</b>

**February 2005**

17	Thursday	9:00 am - 12:30 pm or 6:00 -9:30 pm	Basic Volunteer Leader Training	4-H Office
21	Friday	4:00-5:30 pm	Teen Council Meeting	4-H Office
21	Monday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	4-H IS FUN Day	4-H Office
21	Monday	4:00-5:00 pm	4-H Portfolio Information Session	4-H Office
21	Monday	4:00-5:00 pm	Speak Out Military Kids	4-H Office
21	Monday	4:00-5:00 pm	Teen Leadership Class	4-H Office
21	Monday	4:00-5:00 pm	Legislature Orientation	4-H Office
21	Monday	4:00-5:00 pm	Congressional Award Orientation/Update Mtg.	4-H Office
21	Monday	by 4:30 pm	4-H Camp Counselor Training Registration	4-H Office
21	Monday	by 4:30 pm	4-H Awards Recognition Form Deadline	4-H Office
21	Monday	6:00-8:00 pm	Adult Leader/Parent Training & Meeting	4-H Office
21	Monday		<b>NO Teen Court due to President's Day Holiday</b>	
23	Wednesday	9:00 am -1:00 pm	Volunteer Recruitment Day	Pensacola Junior College
24	Thursday		DJJ Meeting - Education Subcommittee	
25-26	Fri-Sat	TBA	4-H Teen Retreat	Panama City
28	Monday	4:00-6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
28	Monday	4:00-5:00 pm	Citizenship Club Meeting	Milton Courthouse

**March 2005**

1	Tuesday	7:00-9:00 pm	North end Town Hall Meeting	TBA
1	Tuesday	by 4:30 pm	Deadline Registration for Breeding Classes for Livestock Show/4-H Office	
1	Tuesday	by 4:30 pm	Deadline Entries for Poultry and Rabbits for Livestock Show GCA & NRA/4-H Office	
1	Tuesday	by 4:30 pm	Deadline to Pre-register for Clubs to put in a booth at County Fair/4-H Office	
4	Friday	4:00 pm	Teen Council Meeting & Swing Social	4-H Office
4-6	Fri-Sun		Master Volunteer Training	4-H Camp Cherry Lake
5	Saturday	9:00-11:00 am	Showmanship and Grooming Clinic	Langley Bell 4-H Center
7	Monday	4:00-6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
9	Wednesday	by 4:30 pm	Deadline to RSVP for 4-H Awards Program	4-H Office
11	Friday	4:00 pm	Teen Council Meeting	4-H Office
11	Friday	by 4:30 pm	4-H Day to the Capitol & Pre-registrator for County Events/4-H Office	
11	Friday	by 4:30 pm	Pre-register for County Events Deadline	4-H Office
11	Friday	by 4:30 pm	Deadline to Register for State 4-H Leader Forum/4-H Office	
11	<b>Friday</b>	<b>6:00-8:00 pm</b>	<b>4-H Awards Program</b>	<b>4-H Office</b>
14	Monday	4:00-6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
15	Tuesday	by 4:30 pm	Deadline to Signup to Exhibit Livestock at County Fair/4-H Office	
17	Thursday		Ag Literacy Day	
18	Friday	4:00 pm	Teen Council Meeting	4-H Office
18-20	Fri-Sun		3rd Executive Board	4-H Camp Ocala
20-26	Sun-Sat		National Ag Week	
21	Monday	4:00-6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
24	Thursday	by 4:30 pm	Deadline for State 4-H Poster Contests	4-H Office
24	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>5:00-9:00 pm</b>	<b>4-H County Events</b>	<b>4-H Office</b>
25	Friday		Good Friday Holiday	4-H Office Closed
28	Monday		<b>NO TEEN COURT OR CITIZENSHIP CLUB MTG. DUE TO SPRING BREAK</b>	
28-April 1	<b>Mon-Fri</b>		<b>Spring Break</b>	

Monday-Thursday - 2:30-6:00 pm - U.N.I.T.Y. Program  
at the James Street Community Center

**April 2005**

1-6	Fri-Wed		National 4-H Conference	Washington DC
4	Monday		Santa Rosa County Teacher Planning Day	No School
4	Monday	4:00-7:00 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
4	Monday	by 7:00 pm	<b>ALL 4-H EXHIBITS MUST BE IN PLACE</b>	<b>Santa Rosa County Fairgrounds</b>
5-10	Tues-Sun		<b>Santa Rosa County Fair Opens</b>	<b>Santa Rosa County Fairgrounds</b>
6	Wednesday		<b>4-H-ers Helping Hungry Food Collection</b>	<b>Santa Rosa County Fairgrounds</b>
6	Wednesday		<b>UF &amp; 4-H DAY AT THE CAPITOL</b>	<b>Tallahassee</b>
10	Sunday	by 4:00-6:00 pm	<b>ALL 4-H EXHIBITS MUST BE REMOVED</b>	<b>Santa Rosa County Fairgrounds</b>
11	Monday	4:00-6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
15-16	Fri-Sat		Jay Relay for Life	Jay
15-17	Fri-Sun		IBO International Bowhunters Organization	Archery Competition - Langley Bell
16	Saturday		GCA & NRA Spring Livestock Show	Langley Bell 4-H Center
18	Monday	4:00-6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
22-23	Fri-Sat		Area A 4-H Horse Show	Mariana
22-24	Fri-Sun		State 4-H Leader Forum	4-H Camp Ocala
25	Monday	4:00-5:00 pm	4-H Citizenship Club Meeting	Milton Courthouse
25	Monday	4:00-6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
29-30	Fri-Sat		Milton Relay for Life	PJC Milton Campus
30	Saturday	8:00 am - 3:00 pm	District I 4-H District Events	Pine Forest High School - Escambia Co

**May 2005**

2	Monday	4:00-6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
9	Monday	4:00-6:30 pm	Teen Court	Milton Courthouse
12	Thursday	8:30-12:00 Noon	4-H Tropicana Public Speaking Contest	Santa Rosa County Auditorium
16	Monday	by 4:30 pm	4-H Portfolios are due	4-H Office
30	Monday		Memorial Day Holiday	4-H Office Closed

**June 2005**

2	Thursday		<b>STUDENTS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR SANTA ROSA PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b>	
27-July 1	Mon-Fri		4-H Legislature	Tallahassee

**July 2005**

4	Monday		4th of July Holiday	4-H Office Closed
11-15	Mon-Fri		Santa Rosa County 4-H Camp	4-H Camp Timpoochee
25-29	Mon-Fri		Florida 4-H Congress	Gainesville

**August 2005**

1	Monday		1st Day of School - Santa Rosa County	
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**September**

5	Monday		Labor Day Holiday	4-H Office Closed
29-Oct 2	Thurs-Sun		Southern Regional Leadership Forum	Rock Eagle, GA

**October**

3-7			Fall Break	No School
10	Monday		Santa Rosa County Teacher Planning Day	No School
20-30	Thur-Sun Week		Pensacola Interstate Fair	Pensacola Fairgrounds

**November**

3-13			North Florida Fair	Tallahassee
11	Friday		Veterans Day Holiday	4-H Office Closed
12	Saturday		4-H Day at North Florida Fair	
24-25	Thurs-Fri		Thanksgiving Holidays	4-H Office Closed
25-29	Fri-Tues		National 4-H Congress	Atlanta, GA

**December**

19-30	Mon-Fri Week		Christmas Holidays	No School
23-26	Fri-Mon		Christmas Holidays	4-H Office Closed





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**4-H OMK Looking for  
"A few good kids"**

Escambia and Santa Rosa County 4-H programs are looking for a "few good kids" to become new 4-H members. An important part of the OMK project is to involve military children in the regular 4-H program.

4-H is open to all youth ages 5-18 years old! City kids, country kids, kids with any interests can find something to do in 4-H. Through OMK a special invitation is being given to "Military kids." You are invited to join 4-H. 4-H offers a wide variety of projects and activities that provide "learn by doing" fun and educational opportunities for youth.

4-H is also looking for a "few good kids" and adults who would like to become members of the OMK Team to promote the OMK project.

**For more information call:**

Escambia County 4-H 850-475-5230  
Santa Rosa County 4-H 850-623-3868



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**Clover Connections**



**4-H Operation Military Kids Newsletter**

**OMK**

**A New 4-H Project**

**By: Cecile Sackman**

**4-H District 1 Council President**

During the summer at 4-H Congress 2004, a group of 4-H youth and adults got together to learn about a new community service project OMK: Operation Military Kids. Dr. Joy Jordan University of Florida IFAS 4-H Specialist who is coordinating the OMK project for Florida conducted a workshop and discussion group to help 4-H'ers learn about the OMK project.

Dr. Jordan showed a power point presentation on OMK. This provided information about branches of the military and an overview of the OMK project purpose and goals.

Army Reserve and the National Guard representatives spoke about the lifestyles of military families and the challenges that families face, especially during deployment. This helped 4-H'ers understand the need for the project. Ways to implement the project and partner with military family service organization were also discussed.

A brainstorming session and small group discussions allowed 4-H members and volunteers to interact with the military representatives. Many great ideas for implementing OMK were identified.

The workshop was very important to the base of the OMK project. It brought many different ideas from all over the state to the table.

**West Florida Teens Learn  
About OMK**

**By: Cecile Sackman**

Over fifty youth and adults from the Florida panhandle area got together August 27-29 at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City to discuss plans for the new OMK project. Panhandle counties serving as pilot sites for this National program include Bay, Escambia, Jackson, Okaloosa, and Santa Rosa.

Participants included teens from Tyndall Air Force base who are among the newest 4-H'ers in the area. The teens are members of a national collaborative program which is setting up 4-H Clubs and programs at Air Force bases.

The main activities at this OMK teen retreat gathering focused on SOMK—"Speak Out Military Kids." SOMK is a public speaking program designed to help spread the word about OMK. An afternoon workshop focused on public speaking skills with a power point presentation on tips for public speaking. A variety of other activities provided youth with opportunities to improve their confidence and skills as they practiced what they learned.

Teen participants also spent time creating OMK power point presentations. Teens will use the presentations to show at 4-H Clubs, civic groups and to others interested in learning about OMK. The goal of the OMK project is to serve our military in our own backyards.



## OMK at the Fair

OMK went to the Fair. Displays of the 4-H OMK project were made and exhibited at both the Pensacola Interstate Fair held in October and at the North Florida Fair in Tallahassee in November.

4-H members of an Escambia County Florida 4-H Club put together a display for the Pensacola Interstate Fair. The display featured photos of a 4-H activity conducted for children of the 412th Army Reserve Unit held at Pensacola Beach September 11 & 12. The Pensacola Fair manager reported that over 40,000 individuals toured Building 3 where the exhibit was on display.

4-H Districts I and II put together a display for the North Florida Fair in Tallahassee in November. The display provided information about the OMK project and activities that 4-H members have done to promote OMK.

According to information provided by the North Florida Fair Manager 81,630 individuals visited the fair and had an opportunity to see the exhibit.

OMK on display at North Florida Fair  
Tallahassee, November 2004



## OMK at the Beach

Children of the 412th Army Reserve unit from Vicksburg Mississippi unit were treated to a special OMK 4-H activity at Pensacola Beach September 11th and 12th. While their parents participated in leadership and readiness workshops the children were having fun in the sun.

Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties 4-H Coordinators and OMK Team planned a conducted two days of educational and fun activities for the children. 4-H Volunteer leaders and 4-H Members from Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties interacted with the "military kids" and showed them how to have fun and "learn by doing" as they engaged in a variety of activities.

Activities included sand sculpture, kite flying, marine ecology, making and eating a sea grass bed, learning about turtles, a tour of Pensacola beach and the pier, canine visitors from the 4-H Guide Dog Puppy program and lots of other just fun activities.



## OMK at 4-H LAW

By Jackson Mullins

A 4-H OMK activity and workshop was held at LAW- Leadership Adventure Weekend January 21-23 2005. An OMK introduction activity was conducted on Friday night for all LAW participants and a two hour workshop was conducted on Saturday morning for youth who wanted to learn more about the OMK project.

A mock deployment situation Friday night involved over 150 LAW youth participants. The activity encouraged youth to think about the changes that occur in a family when a military parent is deployed. It also let youth put themselves "in the shoes" of a military kid and consider how they would feel if their parent was being deployed.

The Saturday workshop provided an opportunity for 4-H members to learn more about OMK and how they could get involved. Participants had a chance to learn about and see examples of what 4-Hers in the OMK pilot counties are doing. Participants also made a plan of action to carry out an OMK activity in their 4-H Club, county or district.

The workshop was planned and conducted by Jackson Mullins, LAW Planning Committee member and a group of OMK Team 4-Hers including: Cecile Sackman, Escambia County; Matt Detwiler, Alachua County; and Seth Raught, Jeremy Raught, Randi Nall, and Maggie Salter from Santa Rosa County.

Adult partners assisting the youth in were OMK program coordinators Kristen Wood, Alachua/Duval Counties and Patricia Salter, Escambia/Santa Rosa Counties. Dr. Joy Jordan, State 4-H Specialist and OMK State Coordinator provided overall guidance and led the Friday OMK introduction activity.

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## SANTA ROSA COUNTY FAIR INDIVIDUAL 4-H EXHIBITS

Please complete this form and bring with you when you enter your exhibits.  
Individual exhibit tags may be picked up prior to the Fair from the 4-H Office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual 4-H Member or Name of 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Each 4-H'er may enter one item in each of the classes listed. Exhibits will be judged and First, Second and Third place ribbons will be awarded to both Juniors and Seniors.

Cloverbuds exhibit in the World of Projects; classes are listed below. Participation ribbons will be awarded.

**Pre-registration is not required.**

See Fair book for specific rules and scoring guidelines for 4-H Exhibits.

All items exhibited must have been made by the 4-H member since the last Fair.

All exhibits must be registered and in place by 7:00 p.m., Monday, April 4, 2005.

All exhibits must remain in place until 4:00 p.m., Sunday, April 10, 2005.

Exhibit items must be picked up by 6:00 p.m., Sunday, April 10, 2005. It is the responsibility of the 4-H member, the parent or club leader to pick up exhibit items. The Fair will not be responsible for items left after 6:00 p.m., Sunday, April 10, 2005.

### CLOVERBUD WORLD OF PROJECTS

EXHIBIT	DESCRIPTION	AWARD
_____ Nutritious Snack (picture & recipe with other information displayed on 8x11 paper)	_____	_____
_____ Clothing (wearable garment made by a Cloverbud)	_____	_____
_____ Craft (any craft item, needlecraft, handcrafts, flower arrangements, artwork)	_____	_____
_____ Miscellaneous (poster, project book, exhibits plants, canning, models or any 4-H project work)	_____	_____

**4-H members who want to exhibit livestock (Rabbits, Poultry, Swine, Goats, or Cattle) should contact, As Soon As Possible, John Atkins, Extension Agent, (675-3107) and must complete an Official Entry Form.**

For more information see exhibit rules and guidelines at the Fair's website: [www.santarosacountyfair.org](http://www.santarosacountyfair.org)

**\_\_\_\_\_ JUNIOR      4-H MEMBER EXHIBIT      \_\_\_\_\_ SENIOR**

Please complete all information on reverse side of this form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

EXHIBIT - CLASS	DESCRIPTION	Award	Points
<b>BAKED GOODS</b>			
_____ Yeast Bread	_____	_____	_____
_____ Quick Bread	_____	_____	_____
_____ Cookies	_____	_____	_____
_____ Frosted Layer Cakes	_____	_____	_____
_____ Unfrosted Tube/Bundt Cakes	_____	_____	_____
_____ Candy	_____	_____	_____
<b>CANNING</b>			
_____ Fruit	_____	_____	_____
_____ Vegetable	_____	_____	_____
_____ Jam	_____	_____	_____
_____ Jelly	_____	_____	_____
_____ Pickle	_____	_____	_____
<b>CLOTHING</b>			
_____ Quickie (T-shirts, jams)	_____	_____	_____
_____ Sportswear (skirts, shorts)	_____	_____	_____
_____ Coat, Suit, Complete Outfit	_____	_____	_____
_____ Dresses	_____	_____	_____
<b>CRAFTS</b>			
_____ Hand Needlecraft (crocheting, knitting, crossstitch)	_____	_____	_____
_____ Machine Needlecraft	_____	_____	_____
_____ Handicrafts (Ceramics, Decoupage, Wood)	_____	_____	_____
_____ Home Furnishing Craft Items	_____	_____	_____
_____ Miscellaneous (painted clothing, other crafts)	_____	_____	_____
_____ Collections (must relate to a 4-H project)	_____	_____	_____
<b>ARTWORK</b>			
_____ Paintings	_____	_____	_____
_____ Drawings	_____	_____	_____
_____ Photography	_____	_____	_____
_____ Other	_____	_____	_____
<b>HORTICULTURE</b>			
_____ Dried	_____	_____	_____
_____ Permanent	_____	_____	_____
_____ Natural	_____	_____	_____
_____ Terrariums & Dish Gardens	_____	_____	_____
_____ Hanging	_____	_____	_____
_____ Pot Plants (Maximum pot size 11 inches)	_____	_____	_____
<b>4-H PROJECT OR TABLETOP DISPLAY (new category)</b>			
_____ Poster or Display of project work may include pictures, drawings samples, record books or other items.			
Display may not exceed 9 sq. ft. Describe _____			
_____ <b>TOTAL NUMBER OF EXHIBITS</b>		_____ <b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	

**TOTALS FOR DETERMINING SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS:**

Number of RIBBONS \_\_\_\_\_ Blue x 4 = \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Red x 3 = \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ White x 2 = \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Honorable Mention X 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Exhibits: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Ribbons: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_

## Dear 4-H Member, Leader, Parent, Alumni, Supporter and/or Friend of 4-H

**We need your help!** Over the past few years the 4-H newsletter mailing list has grown quite large and has become outdated. We want to ensure that those 4-H members and leaders who should receive the newsletter and others who wish to continue receiving the 4-H newsletter are on the mailing list. However, to conserve our resources, we do not want to send the newsletter to those who do not wish to receive it. Please help us update our mailing list by reading the information below and responding, if necessary so that we can update the mailing list. If you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office at 623-3868.

1. **What is the purpose of the 4-H Newsletter “Clover Clips?”**

The 4-H newsletter “Clover Clips” is our method of informing members and leaders about “what’s happening” in the Santa Rosa County 4-H Program.

2. **Who should receive the 4-H Newsletter “Clover Clips?”**

All currently enrolled 4-H Members (newsletter per household)

All currently enrolled 4-H Club Leaders, Assistant Leader, Project Leaders and 4-H Advisory Members.

3. **Can other individuals receive the 4-H Newsletter “Clover Clips?”**

**Yes**, anyone interested in the Santa Rosa County 4-H Program may request to receive the newsletter.

Other individuals who may be interested include: 4-H Alumni; friends and supporters of the 4-H program; Home and Community Educators; Master Gardeners; Master Naturalists and public officials.

4. **Will I automatically be kept on the 4-H Newsletter mailing list year after year?**

YES AND NO....

**Yes, as long as you re-enroll** as a 4-H member, 4-H Club Leader, Assistant Leader, 4-H Project Club Leader or 4-H Advisory Committee Member, each year you will be automatically kept on the mailing list. However, it is your responsibility to complete and return to the 4-H Office the enrollment form each year. (Remember the 4-H year is September 1 – August 31.)

**No. Others who are not enrolled** members, leaders or Advisory members are not automatically kept on the mailing list. These “Other” individuals must make a request to continue receiving the newsletter. The request may be made in person, by mail or by phone at 623-3868.

5. **Will I receive the next newsletter?**

**Yes**, if as a member or leader you have returned the 2004-2005 enrollment forms. Or if you are an interested “other” (4-H Alumni; friends and supporters of the 4-H program; Home and Community Educators; Master Gardeners; Master Naturalists and public officials) you must request to be kept on the mailing list.

6. **Can I receive the newsletter electronically?**

Yes, if you prefer, you can be added to the 4-H Newsletter “e-mail list.” You will be notified when the 4-H newsletter is mailed out and it will also be posted to the Santa Rosa County Extension Service website where you can access it electronically.

7. **What do I do now?**

If you are a 4-H member or leader, make sure that you have completed and returned your enrollment form. If you are an “other” friend of 4-H, call the 4-H Office at 623-3868 to request to be on the newsletter mailing list. Read and enjoy the 4-H Newsletter. Share 4-H information with others and help us to promote the Santa Rosa County 4-H Program.

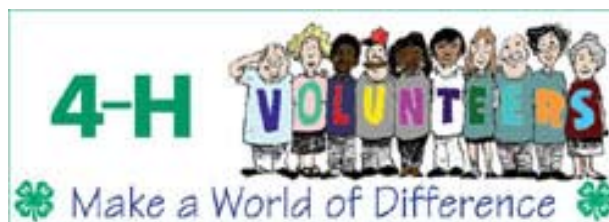
*Thank you for your support and interest in the Santa Rosa County 4-H Program. If you have any questions, please call the 4-H Office.*

4-H County Events  
Thursday, March 24  
5 - 9 p.m.  
4-H Office

**4-H IS *Fun Day***  
Monday, February 21  
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
4-H Office  
(*See details inside*)

4-H Teen Retreat  
February 25-27  
Panama City  
(See details)

4-H Awards Program  
Friday, March 11  
6 - 8 p.m.  
4-H Office



Basic Volunteer  
Leader Training  
Thursday, February 17  
4-H office  
(See details inside)